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CONVERTED PASSENGER PLANES USED FOR CARGO; NEW OIL TANKER LAUNCHED

CARGO PLANTS -- Universul, No 84, 10 Apr 49

The TARS (Soviet-Rumanian Air Transport) Company is using converted passenger planes for cargo. These ships, called "Cargot," are 4 LI-2 twin-engine planes. The cargo space is 43 cubic meters, that is, 9 meters long, 2.43 meters wide, and 1.98 meters high. The ships are equipped with air-conditioning and can be used to transport perishable goods and live cargo such as chickens and animals. As present, TARS can fly about 20,000 kilograms of freight per day.

NEW TANKER LAUNCHED BY GALATI SHIPYARD -- Scinteia, No 1388, 30 Mar 49

The Sovromtransport Shipyard in Galati launched a new 1,000-ton oil tanker on 25 March. One hundred forty technicians and workers constructed the vessel in 500,000 work hours. The target date for the launching was 1 May, so the ship was finished 35 days ahead of schedule, a saving of 120,000 work hours. The Soviet technicians at the shipyard contributed greatly to the rapid construction of the vessel.

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